

April 15, 2005 Commissioner Donahue Hosts a State-wide Earth Initiative



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Work Crews Help Celebrate 35 Years of Earth Day for a Month

Donahue Says...

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Indianapolis, Indiana -- The Indiana Department of Correction will host a state-wide Environmental Spring Cleaning event to celebrate “35 Years of Earth Week.” The event will be kicked-off on Friday, April 22 and will end on May 31st to promote environmental stewardship, statewide. The Department will leverage Earth week by expanding its clean-up back-to-back operations to a full month.

The focus of this event is to encourage an appreciation for the natural environment and share positive actions that everyone can take to protect the earth’s precious resources, including our offenders.

The Department of Correction work-release crews across the state will be reassigned to hit the highways and byways as well as the parks and walking trails to celebrate Earth Week. More than 250 inmates will help improve Indiana’s landscape. The offenders are looking forward to implementing positive changes for the environment and for the community.

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The Department is committed to preserve and restore our environment, while celebrating “35 Years of Earth Week.” “This event is another reminder that the Department has an opportunity to make a positive difference in the community,” added Commissioner Donahue.

About The Department of Correction

The Department employs over 9,000 employees and houses over 23,000 adult offenders and more than 1,000 juveniles, in 33 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department’s home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>.